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Letter dated 6 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a copy of the letter dated 6 August 1991 (communication No. 201-DSS) from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Dr. Mario Carías Zapata, addressed to Brigadier-General Victor Suanzes Pardo, Chief Military Observer of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA), urgently requesting the establishment of observation posts along the border between Honduras and Nicaragua (see annex).

I respectfully request you to have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 28, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Roberto FLORES BERMUDEZ
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Letter dated 6 August 1991 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Honduras addressed to the Chief Military Observer of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America

I have the honour to write in connection with the armed incidents that have occurred recently in Nicaraguan territory in which personnel of the Sandinist Army have clashed with elements opposed to the Government of that country.

In this connection, I should like to express our concern at the fact that, according to the information which we have received, some of these clashes have occurred in close proximity to the border with Honduras.

In the light of the foregoing, my Government requests ONUCA to act urgently, as is required by the situation, to take all measures which it deems necessary specifically to forestall the possibility of Honduran national territory being used by conflicting forces in contravention of the Esquipulas II Agreement, the wishes of the Government of Honduras and the norms of international law.

The Government of Honduras therefore suggests that, in accordance with its mandate, ONUCA should proceed to establish as many observation posts along the common border as are needed to:

1. Prevent the entry of elements coming from Nicaragua which are seeking to destabilize that country's Government;

2. Preventing Honduran national territory from being used in any way by such groups.

Trusting that ONUCA will accede to this request, I take this opportunity to convey to you the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.